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In re the Application of:

YOSHIO KITAMURA

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RAID APPARATUS AND ACCESS CONTROL METHOD THEREFOR WHICH

BALANCES THE USE OF THE DISK UNITS (AS AMENDED)

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

For:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 11, 2000, and having a period for response set to expire on December 11, 2000. A Petition for a 2-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to February 11, 2001. Therefore, this Amendment is timely filed by February 11, 2001. However, if any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 6 and 12 without prejudice or disclaimer of any of the subject matter claimed therein.